



Theatre Locale – The Heavitree Squilometre Update

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South Lawn Terrace Update

Meet the Team

We're thrilled to say that we have a wonderful community collaboration happening for this project. Our huge thanks go to:-

■ **St Michael's CoE Primary Academy** for running an after-school club to explore the Victorian Origins of the street.

■ **Beavers of the 2nd Exeter Scout Group** for participating as part of their Community Badge.

■ **Heavitree Local History Society** and Interwoven volunteers for researching and preparing the historical information for both clubs.

■ **Friends of Heavitree Health Centre** for theming one of their Memory Cafés around the project and inviting children from the school to present their research.

And last, but certainly not least, to Exeter City Council who this year have awarded the

partnership an Arts Project grant. We're incredibly grateful to the Council for this recognition of our continuing commitment to the Heavitree community.



History Boffins surveying the street



And now it's your chance to get involved. We're still looking for your memories of how the street used to be, for your old school photos and any stories you'd like to share. Check out how

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South Lawn Terrace Update

Dates for the diary

All through April 2016 - *Invitation to Talk*

All through April we'll be collecting the memories of local residents. Those who live in or near South Lawn Terrace will get an *Invitation to Talk* through their letterbox. All of our volunteers and creatives have DBS checks and we always encourage interviewees to have a friend with them. If preferred we can arrange to meet instead at the Scout Hut and chat there.

Thursday 14th April 2016 - 18:00-20:00 - *Volunteers' Induction, Scout Hut*

Volunteers' Induction - a chance to meet the Team and become "interwoven". Anyone helping with this year's events will be asked to attend an Induction event so that we can cover all of the things that keep people happy and safe in a community-involved project. It is also a brilliant way for volunteers to meet the creative teams and vice versa. If you're interested please get in touch and we'll pop you on the list. We'll be grateful for all of the help we can get this year!

Saturday 21st May - 14:00 - *Resident's Tea Party*

Local residents will be invited to a Tea Party where the children of St Michael's and the Beavers of the 2nd Exeter Scout Group will present posters of their local history research. There will also be a Memory Corner, with old school photos and scribes with pens-to-the-ready to capture those wonderful local memories.

All through June 2016 - *"The Interweaving" and rehearsals*

All through June we'll be working on the material that has been gathered through the work of the school, the Beavers and the residents - interweaving it into your story. Would you like to be a part of that - just let us know!

July 2016 - *Performance!!*

Eight open-access performances along South Lawn Terrace, two each Sunday p.m.



26th June 2016

3rd July 2016

10th July 2016

17th July 2016

(times to be confirmed -
booking page on website to be available soon)

Why not come on board?

Could we come talk to you and pop your memories of South Lawn Terrace into our Interweaving Memory Bank?

Would you like to volunteer? - we need all sorts of hands on deck from helping to organise events, to social networking to acting as marshals for the performances themselves.

"Interweaving" the show from all the material collected. Do you fancy getting more creatively involved?

Any other ideas? - All welcome. Just get in touch using the contact details below!

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Park in the Dark Update

Image by Jim Elton

Meet the Team

We are thrilled to have attracted the talents of [Becky Louise Dobson](#), experienced actress, director and facilitator to bring the Park in the Dark project to fruition.

Becky will be running performance skills sessions, working with youngsters (14-18) who use Heavitree Park and helping them devise their own fun, musical (acoustic!) expression of what that open space means to them.

Becky will be working along with some familiar Interwoven faces including Alistair Ganley (Artistic Director for Interwoven and for Cygnet Theatre), Becky Baker (Actress and Drama Teacher/facilitator at Exeter College) and the amazing Fern and Lathaniel, musicians who you may remember from our first tour of Sweetbrier Lane.

In addition to this we've teamed up with **Exeter Community Safety Partnership** through the Local Neighbourhood Police Team for Heavitree and Polsloe. Who knows we may even persuade PSCO Percy Giles and his Police Cadets to take part!



Dates for the diary

27/04/2016 – 15/06/2016 8 weeks Performance Skills Workshops

These will be free to any 14-18 year old who uses Heavitree Park (Pleasure Grounds) regularly and lives in the area (although parent/guardians will be asked if they would like to contribute to the [Commission Pot](#)). Professionally led workshops will allow you to develop your performance skills in acting, voice and movement. The invitation to get involved will come through St James School and through a recruitment event in the Park. LIKE our [facebook](#) page for dates!

September – October – The “Interweaving” and Performances

After the summer break, sessions will continue bringing the workshops together into a series of open-air, open access performances throughout October, timed to co-incide with dusk and making the most of the Park in the Dark! Keep an eye on the [webpage](#) for booking details – coming soon.

Are you a performer?!



If you are between 14-18 and live locally then this opportunity is for you! You don't have to commit to performing in order to take part in the workshops – but it would be great if you do.

We'll provide plenty of advice on how to make a career in the performing arts by giving you the chance to meet and work alongside professional artists.

If you're interested keep just contact us direct to sign up or LIKE our [facebook](#) page for all the dates as they're fixed.

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Ntaripe Update

We have recently received a message from the other side of the world - especially for the people of Heavitree, UK:-

The letter below is from Dan Murphy from [Akeyulerre](#) -- but also from Penangke [Cultural Worker] and Kngwarreye, Apmerke-artweye for Mparntwe. You will see Doris (Kngwarreye) at [Love Lhere Mparntwe](#). She is a Mparntwe-arenye woman. Arenye means belongs to, she belongs to Mparntwe. Her skin name is Kngwarreye, Mparntwe skin is Kngwarreye- Peltharre, so it is her father's father's country, that means she is apmerek-artweye and has the right to talk for this mparntwe country.

"Dear Jojo

Nice to hear from you again. You might call it Autumn here in Mparntwe (Alice Springs), it seems at least that the hot summer times are coming to an end. The weather man says it's looking like just making it up into the mid 30s for the next week, lovely to have some cool weather after a long hot summer.

So happy that your project is going so well and people are reconnecting to their country. It's a connection that is invaluable and very important to all of us living on this small and fragile planet.

Here in Mparntwe we are still trying to maintain and retain our connection with this place. As well as trying to share some understanding of what that means with the settlers who have come to live in our country. It's a difficult job as our sacred sites are constantly under threat from development, and the powers that be are trying to fracture and demoralise our original families.

At present there is a push to Dam our river, Lhere Mparntwe (Todd River) and destroy an important women's sacred site, a site that is like the centrepiece of a songline that travels right across Australia, connecting many different peoples with one story. Also they are trying to damage another sacred site that was damaged 10 years ago and the culprits were taken to court and prosecuted. Now it seems they think it is ok to do worse damage to this same site for the same reason, putting in a bike path, when there is another bike path running parallel about 100 metres away! Please like our site on Facebook "Love Lhere Mparntwe". Lhere Mparntwe is the river that flows down through Ntaripe (heavitree gap).

Again another worry is our Northern Territory Chief Minister wants to put on a big light show for tourists attacking another very important site for us, also part of a large story that travels across many, many miles. He wants to light up this place with indigenous imagery and artworks, but the indigenous people belonging to this place know this is not right. This place has its' own story, we can't put the wrong story there. The pressure is immense but we keep struggling on bravely and are thankful for the kind words and support of good people like yourself.

Wish you all the best with your works reconnecting and caring for your country at Heavitree, and hoping you have a lovely springtime and a warm summer.

All the best.

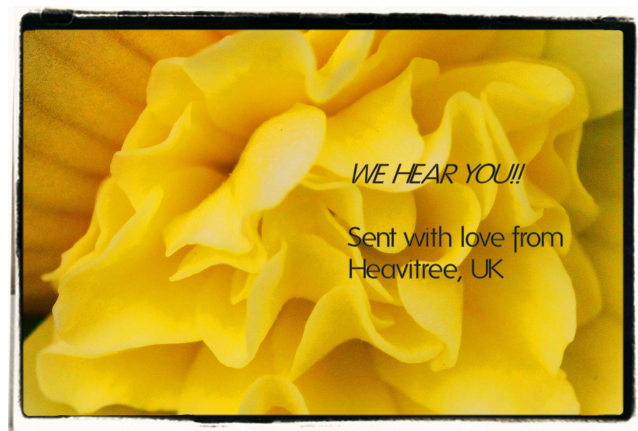
Penangke

Cultural worker, Mparntwe."

If, like me, you want to keep the conversation open, find out more about what's happening in Ntaripe and to understand the situation better then I'd like to encourage you to send this message to Dan, Penangke and Doris (Kngwarreye).

It's a message of love, of listening and acknowledgement of connection between the two places.

You can copy it from the [Interwoven website](#) and send it attached to your own message at their [facebook page](#) .



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